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GIPSA Settles a Case with Jon Smith Resulting in a \$750 Penalty

WASHINGTON, April 1, 2015 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) enforcement rules provide a mechanism to quickly resolve violations of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. GIPSA may offer an alleged violator the option of waiving their right to a hearing and entering into a stipulation agreement to quickly resolve alleged violations.

Jon Smith, Halls, Tenn. – waived his right to a hearing, entered into a stipulation agreement, and agreed to pay a penalty of \$750 after GIPSA found that he had false or misleading records in connection with activities subject to the P&S Act.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.